for promoting two-way trade between India and Taiwan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDOIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Keeping in view the increasing demands from trade and industry circles to increase the scope for contacts with Taiwan, the Government have been encouraging exchange of business delegations with Taiwan. With the growing awareness and interaction among the businessmen about the trade potential that/exists between India and Taiwan, bilteral trade and investment with Taiwn is likely to expand substantially.

Setting up of EPZs.

6271. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will tae Miinster of COMMERCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is setting up Export Processing Zoneg in the country (EPZ) to boost exports of manufactured products;

(b) what is the contribution of the EPZs to the countrys export efforts;

(c) what is the progress of the EPZs in various parts of the country; and

(d) whether Government is planning to permit private Sector partibipation in the management of EPZs?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The establishment of Export Processing Zones inter-alia aims at earning foreign exchange, stimulating domestic and foreign investments in export oriented industries and expanding employment opportunities.

(b) and (c) There are seven Export Processing Zones at Kandla (Gujarat), Santacruz(Maharashtra), Cochin (Kerala), Madras (Tamil Nadu), Noida (U.P.), Falta (West Bengal) and Visakhapatnam (A.P.). The zone at Visakhapatnam has become operational only recently. Total exports from all the zones were Rs 1959.91 crores in 1993-94.

(d) While the Government has decided principle to permit strengthening of zone infrastructure by harnessing private/ joint sector resources, there is no proposal to permit private sector management of the existing zones.

चीनी का निर्यात

6272. श्री अनन्तराम देवजीभाई डबे : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान चीनी की कुल कितनी मात्रा का निर्यात किया गया ;

(ख) क्या इस निर्यात के कारण चीनी उद्योग को घाटा उठाना पड़ा है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं, और

(घ) इस उद्योग के हितों की सुरक्षा हेतु सरकार द्वारा क्या-क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी) : (क) से (घ) चीनी के निर्यात के लिये चीनी निर्यात संवर्धन अधिनियम, 1958 के प्रावधानों के तहत नामित अभिकरण इंडियन शुगर एंड जनरल इंडस्ट्री एक्सपोर्ट-इम्पोर्ट कार्पोरेशन लिमिटेड से प्राप्त जान कारी के अनुसार, वित्तीय वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान 285192.43 मी० टन चीनी का निर्यात किया गया । चूंकि वर्ष 1993-94 के लिए खाते अभी तक अन्तिम रूप से तैयार नहीं हुए हैं, अत: उक्त कारपोरेशन ने सूचित किया है कि वह अभी चीनी के निर्यात पर यदि कोई घाटे हुए हों तो उनके ब्यौरे बताने की स्थिति में नहीं है ।

Effect of GATT Agreement on Food Grains and support Price

6273. SHRI S.S SURJEWALA; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the effect of the GATT agreement on the procurement of food-grains and